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5 May 1953

1. Attended the Deputy Directors' Meeting at which the following took place:

- a. We discussed the budget briefly and Mr. Dulles agreed to accept the recommendations of Mr. Kirkpatrick and General Cabell as to what should be included in the book. (The book has been prepared accordingly and is ready to go to the staff of the House Appropriations Committee.) Mr. Dulles telephoned Mr. Taber and made arrangements for us to be the custodian of the information at all times. [REDACTED] will take the book to the Hill, remain with the staff while they are working on it, and return it to CIA when they are finished.
- b. I brought up the subject of supergrades, pointing out to all concerned that we were approaching our [REDACTED] ceiling and that each major component should be particularly careful not to commit nor imply a commitment above the quota which had been allotted to it under the [REDACTED] ceiling.
- c. There was a general discussion as to the need for better administrative control of [REDACTED]
- d. [REDACTED] entrance-on-duty date was discussed and I advised the group that G-1 had indicated it would probably be as late as the first of August.

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2. General Morris reports that General Mark Clark has declined to send General [REDACTED] to Washington for an interview inasmuch as the latter is leaving Tokyo on a permanent-change-of-station basis as of 29 May. However, he is coming via sea and will not arrive here until mid-June, at which time he will come to CIA for an interview. General Morris has made it clear to G-1 that we do not wish to be committed to accepting [REDACTED] until after our interview with him. He has advised General Cabell of these developments.

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3. [REDACTED] telephoned concerning the proposed laboratory [REDACTED] requested our reaction to a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract. I told him that we would prefer not to have such an arrangement and that we would frown upon any such arrangement if it were merely for the purpose of obligating Fiscal Year 1953 money.

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[REDACTED] later telephoned on this same subject. I told him also that if the project were approved every effort should be made to obligate Fiscal Year 1953 money, but that we should insure that we could not be criticized for carelessly handling the funds.

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4. George Maloon reports that Colonel Bessemer of G-1 advises him that a sufficient number of translators have been located to go to Panmunjom and it does not appear that our services in this effort will be needed at this time. I advised [REDACTED] who agreed to relay this information to General Cabell.

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5. Ed Saunders and I attended Mr. Dulles' luncheon for Mr. Staats and Mr. Rowland Hughes. We discussed the "CIA Building" and Mr. Staats was of the general opinion that we probably had a reasonably good chance of getting into an existing structure. He thinks that we will have a very rough time getting an appropriation for a new building and by trying to do so feels sure that we will run head-on into the Dispersal Program. He points out that while this issue has been "on-again" and "off-again" several times, the fact is that no new Government building within a twenty-mile radius of Washington has been authorized since the Dispersal Program was originated. We also discussed the supergrade situation and Mr. Staats said that Phillip Young, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, was making an over-all Governmental study of this situation in order to establish some sort of uniformity. Mr. Staats suggested that we contact Mr. Jason Platt (apparently the working member on this job), as well as Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, to pursue this problem.

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6. Bill Peel was in with [REDACTED] proposal to rename the various branches at the [REDACTED] as divisions. I told Bill to tell [REDACTED] that it didn't matter to me what these units were called, but that I wanted it clearly understood that no increases in grades would be authorized merely because titles were changed.

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8. Mr. Pforzheimer advised me that Congressman Bosch of New York had inquired as to why we had turned down an application for employment from one of his constituents. Our records indicated that the applicant had omitted from his Personal History Statement three separate arrests by the Police Department. I authorized Mr. Pforzheimer to tell the Congressman exactly why we had turned down the individual.

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9. Colonel Baird was in to discuss his military status; I explained it as [REDACTED] explained it to me. Colonel Baird is anxious to get this situation clarified and asked me to acquaint General Cabell with the new development concerning his active duty status, which I agreed to do.

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10. Colonel Baird also discussed supergrades. It seems that the assignment of [REDACTED] to the Office of Training was made with a commitment that he would be promoted to grade GS-16. This creates a problem in that under the ceiling there is only one vacancy left in Training, which, presumably, we would be saving for Colonel Baird. I suggested that Colonel Baird appear before the Supergrade Review Board and state his case, although I could not make any promises as to what the outcome would be.

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11. Sam Broadbent, who handles space for the Bureau of the Budget, telephoned and I have arranged to see him at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday to discuss the possibility of getting CIA into an existing building.

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12. Mr. Dulles telephoned to say that he would like to have [REDACTED] (who is an Army Intelligence Reserve Officer) on active duty with CIA for the last two weeks of July. Apparently a similar arrangement was made last year. I told Mr. Dulles that I would investigate the matter, take the necessary action, and request his assistance if I needed it.

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